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Exchange

FOR AND ABOUT THE PEOPLE OF BRYANT UNIVERSITY

A groundbreaking event



Trustees, student leaders, alumni, and special guests joined Chairman of the Board Thomas Taylor '63, '98H and President Ronald K. Machtley in a groundbreaking ceremony on May 19 for Bryant's exciting new residence hall. Many students, faculty, staff, and friends of the university turned out to help celebrate the event.



ABOUT THE FACILITY

- The new residence hall is a five-story, 60,000-square-foot, suite-style residence, with 200 beds and 31 suites.
- The building includes socializing and function space for residents of both the new residence hall and Suite Village. The design includes a café with a multifunction seating area, a living room, a lobby with a reception area, a common room, and a study room on each floor.
- ADD, Inc. of Cambridge, Mass., is the architect for the project.
- Sasaki Associates provided the design for landscaping around the building and the Suite Village quadrangle.
- Dimeo Construction Company is the construction manager.

The residence hall is scheduled to open in the fall of 2007.

Bryant-China student exchange program

The first Bryant-Lingnan Student Exchange Program, an experiential learning program between Bryant University and the Lingnan College of Sun Yat-sen (Zhongshan) University in Guangzhou, kicked off at Bryant on May 22 with a special welcome luncheon. Guests included Chinese students and their Bryant peers, representatives from the Lingnan Foundation, and Bryant faculty and staff.

importance, and fun, of cross-culture learning in and out of the classroom."

During a two-day management simulation game at Bryant that involved a maker of MP3 players, the students managed a year and a half of business by forming a management structure, responding to changes in the economy, and reacting to issues affecting their business. Hakan



Thirteen Bryant students hosted 11 Chinese students from Lingnan College during the first two weeks of the month-long exchange. On June 4, the entire group traveled to China for a reciprocal hosting by Chinese students, faculty, and staff.

"I am convinced that what we are doing – bringing people together – is as critically important to the future of the world as anything that is going on in Washington," said Bryant President Ronald K. Machtley.

Saraoglu, professor of finance who oversaw the activity, said the objective was to learn to make decisions and understand the interaction of the various functions of a business while working as a team.

The students presented at an international business conference in groups of two or three and focused on topics such as the importance of social responsibility in corporate America, and Chinese and American perspectives of the Taiwan Issue. That activity was led by Professor James Segovis.

All students toured New York City, Boston and Newport; visited Rhode Island companies such as Fidelity Investments, G-TECH, and ChemArt; and heard lectures on a variety of topics over the course of the first two weeks. Bryant faculty and staff also welcomed students into their homes for an evening. Yang Weiguang and his Bryant peer, Andrew Lambert '07, visited with Paula Hogan '00, budget and office coordinator in university relations, and her son, Chris. Appetizers at the Hogans were followed by a baseball game at the Pawtucket Red Sox and a behind-the-scenes tour of the facility. Yang enjoyed hot dogs and ice cream while watching and learning about the game.

"I'm greatly impressed by every day I've spent here and every person I've met," wrote Yang in a thank you note to the Hogans. "People are well informed about American people's enthusiasm and passion. But I could not fully comprehend these virtues until I got close to you and your family, though in such a short time."

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YANG WEIGUANG
LINGNAN STUDENT

The students learned about social, ethical, and environmental issues in international business in cross-cultural settings. They engaged in focused research projects and hands-on site visits as well as academic and cross-culture learning.

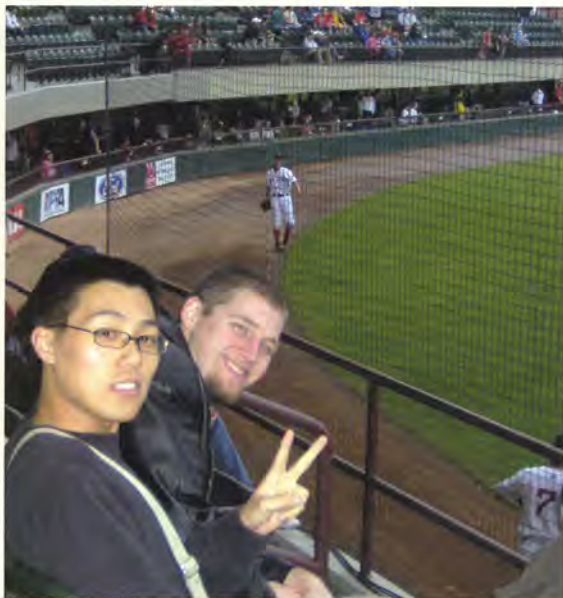
"This program was carefully developed to immerse both Bryant and Lingnan students in educational and experiential opportunities that will expand their knowledge base and feed their aspirations," said V.K. Unni, vice president for academic affairs. "The entire experience reinforces the

During the second half of the exchange program, Bryant students spent time in Beijing, Wuhan, and Guangzhou and took in top attractions in Shanghai and Hong Kong. They fully immersed themselves in Chinese culture as they visited museums, The Great Wall, The Forbidden City, and Tiananmen Square. They also experienced Chinese cuisine, and even negotiated with merchants.

Three Bryant faculty members, Professor Chen Zhang (Computer Sciences), Professor Jon Lu (Language and Culture), and Professor Hong Yang (Science and Technology) traveled with the students. The China portion ended at a conference on the Lingnan College campus where the Chinese students selected to participate in the program next year challenged the current group on issues in the Pearl River Delta and in New England. David Lux, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and Jack Trifts, dean of the College of Business, participated in the closing conference in Guangzhou.

"It's fascinating to see how two weeks of travel can change a student's perspective about a country," said Professor Yang, who also serves as director of the U.S.-China Institute that managed this Lingnan Foundation-supported program.

This winter, Bryant begins the Sophomore International Experience in which members of the Class of 2009 will have the opportunity to visit and study in China, Europe, or Latin America.



Yang Weiguang and his Bryant peer, Andrew Lambert '07, get ready for some baseball at McCoy Stadium.

Bryant has new admission director



Michelle Beauregard '05 MBA

Michelle Beauregard '05 MBA joined the university on May 15 as director of admission. In this role, she will supervise the freshman admission team and help to develop and implement the marketing and recruitment plan for undergraduate admission.

Prior to joining Bryant, Beauregard was director of freshman admission at Roger Williams University in Rhode Island and worked in the admission office for more than five years. She began her career at Cedar Crest College in Allentown, Penn.

"Michelle's background at a private university and her connections with professional organizations and high schools in the state made her a perfect choice for the job," said Lorna Hunter, vice president for enrollment management. "She is very well thought of in the Rhode Island guidance community."

Beauregard received a Bryant MBA with a concentration in marketing in 2005 and an undergraduate degree from Moravian College in Bethlehem, Penn. She is past president of the Rhode Island Association of Admission Officers.

"The successes of Bryant University, marked by an increasingly competitive student profile, state-of-the-art facilities, accomplished faculty, and a student-centered community, are the very factors that sparked my interest in the institution," said Beauregard. "I am excited to be a part of this accomplished admission team and look forward to the challenges ahead."

SAVE THE DATE

2006-07 CAMPUS CAMPAIGN KICKOFF
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, AT NOON
GULSKI DINING ROOM

All faculty and staff are invited to join some of our current scholarship recipients for the kickoff of the 2006-2007 Campus Campaign. The event takes place on September 26 at noon in Gulski Dining Room.

Your support helped raise \$67,393 for scholarships last year. After a short speaking program, meet our deserving students and enjoy some cake and punch.

Archway Investment Fund completes successful first year

Last fall, the Bryant Board of Trustees voted to give finance and financial services students \$200,000 of seed money to invest and manage over the course of the year. Students applied for acceptance into this intense program in order to experience the tumultuous world of the stock market firsthand. The Archway Investment Fund (AIF) is the first student-managed fund at Bryant.

If the returns are any indication, Bryant has done a good job of preparing these future finance professionals. As of the middle of April, the fund was managing \$215,832 worth of assets. The fund also outperformed the S&P 500 – a benchmark in the industry – by 1.56 percent (5.4 percent on an annualized basis).

"The fact that Bryant students did this with a portfolio with essentially the same amount of risks as the S&P 500 is noteworthy," said David Louton, professor of finance.

The Bryant portfolio included 43 stocks in categories that included financials, technology, energy, and healthcare, with 28 stocks showing a gain since the time they were purchased. The 350 shares of Cisco Systems led the way with a near 24 percent increase since the purchase in late October.

Students spent the fall semester researching stocks as securities analysts in Finance 450. In the spring, they were promoted to portfolio managers in Finance 454 and directed a new group of securities analysts. Each sector was overseen by a team of students who reported to the executive committee of the AIF.

"The AIF experience was the best thing I participated in at Bryant, and without it I would not be where I am today."

FRANK GUEST '06
HARTFORD INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT COMPANY

"This interaction is one of the things that makes the Archway Investment Fund a unique opportunity for students and provides a foundation for future success," said Louton, noting that programs at other schools often sell their portfolios at the end of each year and start anew the following year.

"The AIF allows students to truly see all the things that are involved. As a result, they go away having 'closed the loop' in their own understanding of the processes



Professor David Louton in the C.V. Starr Financial Markets Center

involved in securities analysis and portfolio management," he said.

Frank Guest '06 (Norwood, Mass.), who received his B.S. degree in financial services in May, was a member of the executive committee during the spring semester. "The AIF experience was the best thing I participated in at Bryant, and without it I would not be where I am today," said Guest. He is now working for the Hartford Investment Management Company, a subsidiary of The Hartford Financial Services Group in Connecticut.

Nicole Levesque '07 (Portsmouth, R.I.), who is studying finance, will be a member of the executive committee in the fall. Said Levesque, "Our detailed understanding of the fund and lessons learned from this experience will help all of us work toward our investment career goals because we have become the better choice for employers." Levesque was able to secure a summer internship at Fidelity Investments as a result of her work with the fund.

Tarang Patel '07 (Glastonbury, Conn.), an accounting and finance concentrator who will also join the executive committee added, "The securities analysis course was the most demanding class that I have ever taken at Bryant, but by far it was the most enjoyable, as well as the most exciting."

PEOPLE

NEW FACES



Michelle Beauregard
Director of Admission



Lisa Fontes
Assistant Director
of Purchasing
Support Services



Meagan Sage
Assistant Director
Student Activities

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Bernadine Gama
Budget Coordinator
Development

Michelle Lemme
Custodian

Deziray McWilliams
Public Safety Officer

Patricia Miernicki
Development Officer

Joseph Teixeira
Public Safety Officer



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Graphic Designer
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Anthony McMahon
Gift Processing/
Data Assistant
Development



Karin Winnard
Assistant Director
Academic Center
for Excellence

CHANGES AT BRYANT

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Grounds Worker

Patricia Schultz
Assistant Librarian for
Technical Services

World Trade Day

A record-breaking 550 businesspeople attended Bryant's 21st Annual World Trade Day on May 25. Titled "Global Issues: Focus on the Future," the day-long conference featured world-renowned speakers, specialized sessions, and a regional business expo.

Keynote speakers included Daniel DiMicco, president, CEO, and vice chairman of Nucor Steel Corporation; Michael Eskew, chairman and CEO of UPS; William Evans, senior vice president of global treasury services for Bank of America; Moisés Naím, author of eight books and editor and publisher of *Foreign Policy* magazine; and Erik Peterson, senior vice president of the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, D.C., and director of the Seven Revolutions Initiative.

During the luncheon, Bryant President Ronald K. Machtley was presented with a "Global Visionary" award.

Thomas Tanury, chairman of Tanury Industries, received the "World Trade Day Advocate of the Year" award. Tanury is a long-standing member of the World Trade Day planning committee and has chaired the committee several times.

Bank of America was the platinum sponsor of World Trade Day.



(Left) Bryant President Ronald K. Machtley and Thomas Tanury, chairman, Tanury Industries

MEDIA SPOTLIGHT

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Professor Judy Barrett Litoff's latest book, "An American Heroine in the French Resistance: The Diary and Memoir of Virginia D'Albert-Lake," was featured in the "Briefly Noted" section of *The New Yorker* on June 26, and the *St. Petersburg (Fla.) Times* on July 23 and 24.

A review of Bryant's year in sports titled "The good times keep rolling for **Bryant Athletics**" appeared in the *Providence Journal* on June 19.

A Father's Day story on family businesses in the *Providence Sunday Journal* on June 18 featured an overview by **President Emeritus William O'Hara**. His book, "Centuries of Success: Lessons from the World's Most Enduring Family Businesses," was cited in *Yankee Magazine* in June in a story on America's oldest farm.

Professor David Louton was quoted in Neil Downing's "MoneyLine" column in the *Providence Journal* on June 5. The column, which focused on compounding CD rates, was subsequently picked up by a number of television stations across the country.

Articles on **World Trade Day** appeared in the *Providence Journal* on May 26 and *Providence Business News* on June 5.

A story on **Trustee Alan Hassenfeld** was published in the June issue of *Families in Business*. He also was featured on the publication's cover.

Professor Gaytha Langlois was quoted in *Providence Business News* on May 31 in a story on companies with a social conscience.

Professor Stanley Baran was quoted in the *Boston Globe* on May 29 in an article on advertising and its effects on the Rhode Island Senate race. The story was originally released by the Associated Press.

Andrew McLarty '06 of Washington, D.C., and **Greg Daniel '06** of Providence were featured in a graduation story about gridiron scholars who beat the odds. The

article appeared in the *Providence Sunday Journal* (Sports Section) on May 29.

Football Head Coach **Marty Fine** was quoted in *Providence Business News* on May 29 in a story on local football coaches and the rewards they find in coaching.

A feature story on **John Williams '06**, of Springfield, Mass., and his quest for a career as a professional basketball player was published in *The Call* (Woonsocket, R.I.) on May 25.

A paper by **Professors Phyllis Schumacher and Rick Smith**, "Academic Attributes of College Freshmen That Lead to Success in Actuarial Studies in a Business College," was published on May 24 in the Internet-based *RedOrbit* (Dallas, Texas), which has an audience of more than 1 million viewers. The paper was also featured in the May 1 issue of *Journal of Education for Business*.

Bryant's **143rd Commencement** was highlighted in *The Sunday Call* (Woonsocket, R.I.) on May 22, with quotes from keynote speaker David Broder and several graduates including Daniel Raposo, of Wilton, Conn., who read the Student Charge.

Professor Julia Gladstone was cited in the *LawPundit* on May 22 for her article "Why Business Method Patents are the Epitome of Misdirection: Strong Intellectual Property Rights do not Encourage Innovation in Information Technology."

Professor Emeritus William Sweeney was quoted in the *Providence Journal* on May 18 in a story on gambling in Rhode Island.

Tennis standout **Sacha Solomon '07**, of Pocasset, Mass., appeared in the "Faces in the Crowd" column in *Sports Illustrated* on May 15.

A business column in the *Providence Journal* on May 14, "For next generation, future points to China," highlighted initiatives of **Bryant** and the **U.S. China**

Institute and featured quotes by President Ron Machtley and Professor Hong Yang. The story also ran in the *Fresno Bee* (Calif.), *Raleigh News & Observer* (N.C.), *Tacoma News Tribune* (Wash.), *Tri-City Herald* (Wash.), and *Modesto Bee* (Calif.).

Photos from the Northern Rhode Island **Special Olympics**, a student-run event held annually at Bryant, were published in the *Providence Journal* on May 11.

In May, **Professor Harsh Luthar** spoke on "Globalization, information technologies, outsourcing, and the impact on the labor markets: The emerging trends every business should know" on the PBS program "The Thirteenth State." The interview also aired on Pax TV-69 and UPN TV-28. This was Luthar's sixth television interview on topics related to business and management education.

The fourth annual **Success by Design Conference**, held April 27 at the R.I. Convention Center, resulted in feature articles in the *Providence Journal* on April 28 and *Providence Business News* on May 8. The conference is held each year by the Center for Design and Business, a joint venture of Bryant and the Rhode Island School of Design. An op-ed about the conference by **President Ron Machtley and RISD President Roger Mandle** was published in the *Providence Journal* on April 21.

Linda Lulli, associate vice president for human resources, was quoted in *Providence Business News* on May 8 in a story on curbing employee health care costs.

Providence Business News ran an article in April about Bryant's new MBA. Titled "MBA track revamped at Bryant," the story featured quotes by **MBA students Jag Venugopal and Walquiria Torres; John Muggeridge**, vice president of public affairs at Fidelity Investments; **Jack Trifts**, dean of the College of Business; and **Angela Wicks**, operations management professor.

Convocation on Sept. 6

Convocation is one of the oldest of all academic traditions – the first gathering to celebrate the new academic year. On Wednesday, September 6, all students, faculty, and staff are invited to welcome the 823 members of the Class of 2010 at the Bryant University Convocation, which begins at 3:30 p.m. in the MAC.



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The keynote address will be delivered by Sissela Bok, senior visiting fellow, Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies. Dr. Bok, a renowned writer and philosopher, is the author of countless articles and several books including "Lying: Moral Choice in Private and Public Life," for which she received the George Orwell Award and the Melcher Book Award.

The Student Alumni Association and the Bryant University Alumni Association will sponsor a reception in the Wellness Center Lobby. Refreshments will be served, and members of the Class of 2010 will receive special gifts.

Sophomore International Experience

In January 2007, a number of students from the Class of 2009 will have the opportunity to earn three academic credits and spend 13 to 15 days in China, Europe, or Latin America through the Sophomore International Experience. This special academic winter session, led by Bryant University, will give students the opportunity to explore other cultures and learn how businesses operate globally.

Students must be in both good academic and disciplinary standing at the time of application and departure. Selected participants, who will begin preparation in the fall, will receive credits for full attendance and participation in tour activities, pre-trip preparation sessions on culture and basic language training, and pre- and post-trip projects.

For more information about the Sophomore International Experience, call 232-6209, or e-mail saooffice@bryant.edu.

Communication students gain on-air experience

If you turn to Rhode Island's CBS affiliate WPRI-TV 12 just before 7 p.m. each evening, there's a good chance you may see a Bryant student on the air. With any luck, that student could help make you rich.

Three Bryant communication students were recently selected to serve as on-air hosts for "live" Rhode Island Lottery drawings. Jen Colantonio '08 of Cheshire, Conn., Amanda Birdsell '08 of Marlborough, Mass., and Jamie MacDougall '08 of Waltham, Mass., were chosen based on their auditions. They will appear about three times a month to announce the Rhode Island Daily Numbers game and Wild Money drawing. They join Americo Mallozzi '08 of Smithfield, R.I., who was selected last year.



Amanda Birdsell '08



Jen Colantonio '08

Since 1994, 150 communication students from colleges and universities throughout Rhode Island have had the opportunity to call the numbers. The Rhode Island Lottery approached Bryant five years ago when the school created a Bachelor of Arts in Communication degree program.

Colantonio hopes her first gig in front of the camera will set the foundation for a future career as an on-air news reporter. Her dream job is to be a sports announcer.

"I thought the lottery would be a great résumé builder and possibly a foot in the door for an internship in future semesters," she said. She realizes that it could be a long

road to landing a job in the competitive television business, but she is willing to pay her dues.

While their actual time on air may be brief – about 30 seconds per drawing – the lottery hosts must arrive at the station in East Providence an hour early and often have a chance to watch the evening news program or hang out on the set and interact with the Channel 12 staff.

"I have already sat in the anchor seats, and I can say I feel at home," said Birdsell.

Professor of Communication Stanley Baran notes that in addition to being a great learning experience, the students serve as ambassadors for the still-growing communication program. "Each time they are on television, people in the region are reminded that Bryant offers a communication degree," he said.

32nd Annual Service Awards

The following faculty and staff have been recognized for dedicated service to the university.

RETIREES

David Betsch
Glen Camp
Robert Carlson
Maureen Dubuque
Raymond Riel
Marilyn Serapiglia
Patricia Sinman
William Sweeney
Joseph Theroux
Gail Wright

35 YEARS

Bob Aust
Avis Hallam
Robert Muksian
Phyllis Schumacher
Gail Valentine

30 YEARS

Robert Lawton
Frank Widor

25 YEARS

Martin Andrews
Linda Asselin
Frank Bingham
Ronald Deluga
Ron Eaton
Bettie Weber

20 YEARS

Marcel Beaulieu
Virginia Bowry
Felix Corpuz
Elizabeth Cotter
Michael Curran
Robert Farrar
George Farrar

Michael Fraleigh

Barry Frechette
Raymond Hebert
Paula Hogan
Martin Rosenzweig
Bruce Shepherd

15 YEARS

Roger Acosta
Laurie Bates
George Coronado
Carol Coronado
Khamfeua Haleudeth
Jeannette Harrington
David Ketcham
Maureen Mezei
John Quinn
Saeed Roohani
Joseph Shaanan
Betty Yobaccio

10 YEARS

Christine Bigwood
Jim Bishop
Diane Conlon
Sharon Doyle
Barbara Gregory
Kimberly Keyes
Claire Kopacsi
Ron & Kati Machtley
Dan McNally
Laurie Musgrove
Henriette Patrie
Claudette Piette
Diane Riordan
Hakan Saraoglu
Lynda St. Clair
Katherine Tufts

5 YEARS

Stanley Baran
Christine Barrera
Troy Byrd
Mark Caruso
Patrick Casey
Rita Colburn
Diane Costa
Doreen D'Abate
Janet Dean
Dee deHaas
John Dietrich
Jennifer DiPrete
Brenda Doran
John Drew
Roberta Duarte
Pamela Duguay
Gary Farrell
Michael Fleury
Christine Giuliano
Max Good
T. Abraham Hunter
Lorna Hunter
Martha Kuhlman
Petra Kuppers
Richard Lafleur
Suhong Li
Shannon Maldonado
James McGee
Alphonso Ogbuehi
Frank O'Keefe
Amy Paul
John Poirier
Bethany Royer
Heather San Bento
Christina Senecal
Flo St. Jean
Robin Warde

AROUND THE CORNER

- Sept 2 **Residence halls open for new students**
- Sept 3 **Residence halls open for returning students**
- Sept 4 **Labor Day**
- Sept 5 **Undergraduate day and evening classes begin**
- Sept 6 **Convocation**
3:30 p.m., MAC
- Sept 15-17 **Homecoming & Reunion**
Go to www.bryant.edu/bryant/alumni/hr2006.jsp.
- Sept 17 **6th Annual Shawn M. Nassaney Memorial
Cross Country Road Race/Walk**
Visit www.shawnmnassaney.org
for more information.
- Sept 20 **Graduate School Information Session**
6 p.m., Rotunda and MRC4
- Sept 26 **President's Cultural Series (See page 16.)**
Anima and Time for Three
6:30 p.m., Janikies
- Sept 27 **3rd Annual President's Cup Golf Tournament**
Contact gmcquade@bryant.edu
- Oct 26 **President's Cultural Series**
Soprano Annette Betanski
7:30 p.m., Janikies
- Nov 16 **President's Cultural Series (in conjunction
with International Education Week)**
Mango Blue
7 p.m., Janikies

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Roethlein is Fulbright Scholar



Christopher Roethlein, associate professor of operations management, has been awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant. Roethlein will lecture at the University of Hradec Kralove and the University of Pardubice in the Czech Republic during the spring semester of 2007, according to the U.S. Department of State and the William J. Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board. He will teach master's and doctoral-level courses to graduate students in the areas of operations management and quality.

"Bryant's faculty members are outstanding academicians who enjoy challenging themselves," said V.K. Unni, vice president for academic affairs. "Chris Roethlein will contribute to the intellectual development of students in the Czech Republic, and then he will be able to bring his experience over there back to our students. We're thrilled that he has this opportunity."

Roethlein joined Bryant in 2000 as assistant professor of management. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Rhode Island, an M.B.A. from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and a B.S. from Western New England College. He is one of approximately 800 U.S. faculty and professionals who will travel abroad to some 150 countries for the 2006-2007 academic year. Established in 1946 under legislation introduced by the late Senator William J. Fulbright of Arkansas, the program's purpose is to build mutual understanding between the people of the United States and other countries.

*"This is the time of the Internet,
and if knowledge is power, we are
more powerful than all those who
came before us."*

DANIEL P. RAPOSO '06
STUDENT CHARGE

Bryant's 143rd Undergraduate Commencement was held on May 20 for 710 graduating seniors. It marked the tenth ceremony at which President Ronald K. Machtley presided and the first convened by Bryant alumnus Thomas A. Taylor '63, '98H, who was appointed chair of the board of trustees in 2005.

David Broder, a Pulitzer Prize-winning national correspondent for *The Washington Post*, received an honorary degree and gave the keynote address. He urged students to help preserve our freedom and the educational rights for students of every age.

"You have a duty to see that from preschool through college, that system is open to all and serves all as well as it has served you," he said, "and an obligation to protect the essential freedoms of the Bill of Rights for future generations."

Daniel P. Raposo '06, gave the Student Charge. He asked the Class of 2006 to vote and "stand up and stop the few from strangling the voices of the many."

Michael G. Oxley and Cheryl Watkins Snead received Honorary Doctor of Business Administration degrees. Oxley is serving his twelfth term in the House of Representatives as congressman in the fourth Ohio district. He is chairman of the House Committee on Financial Services and co-author of the landmark Sarbanes-Oxley Act. Snead is president and CEO of Banneker Industries, Inc. in Lincoln, R.I., a company that specializes in supply chain management services. The recipient of numerous awards, she was named 2005 Rhode Island Woman of the Year by the Rhode Island Commission on Women.

Graduate School Commencement was held on Thursday, May 18, for 154 students.

George A. Vecchione, president and chief executive officer of Lifespan, a major New England health care system with six partners in Rhode Island, received an honorary degree and gave the keynote address.

Vecchione talked about the challenges and choices graduates would have to make in the years ahead. "Sometimes, the right choice will not be the easiest one to make," he said. "That right choice may cost more money, may take more time, may be more difficult to achieve, may require significant change, but in the long run you will never regret doing the right thing."



(Top) Daniel Raposo, of Wilton, Conn., gives the Student Charge.

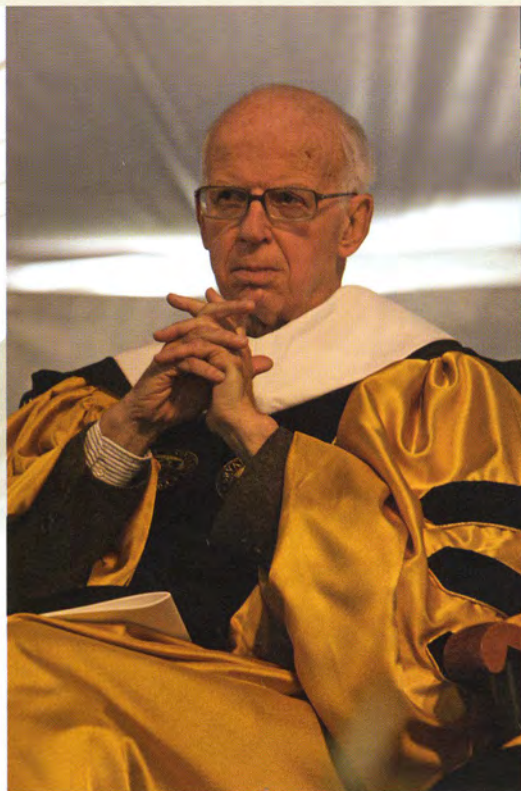
(Bottom) George Vecchione, president and CEO of Lifespan, gave the Graduate School address after receiving an honorary degree.



The Commencement ceremony for graduate students was held on Thursday, May 18, for 154 students.



Thomas Quinn of Pawtucket, R.I., receives his diploma from his father — Bryant Mathematics Professor John Quinn.



(Top Left) (left to right) Nicholas Loring of Smithfield, R.I., Steven Neves of Mendham, N.J.; and Phillip Sepelak of Southbury, Conn., are commissioned as second lieutenants in the U.S. Army. (Top Center) *Washington Post* political correspondent David Broder was the undergraduate keynote speaker. (Top Right) Carrying the class flag are (left to right) Kevin Martin of Coventry, Conn.; Rohan Shah of Mumbai, India; and Joseph Hansen of Lake Worth, Fla.

(Bottom) Among the Commencement Award recipients are (left to right) Jerome Fusco of North Branford, Conn.; Anthony "Nino" Furnari of Salem, Mass.; Cathleen Doane of Wrentham, Mass.; and Scott Kuindersma of Whitinsville, Mass.



Pamela Malcolm of Colchester, Conn., collects her diploma with the help of best friend Lauren Glenney of Lisbon, Conn.



Ohio Congressman Michael Oxley and Cheryl Watkins Snead, president and CEO of Banneker Industries, await the start of the academic procession.

An eXtensible conference

Bryant hosted its Sixth Annual eXtensible Business Reporting Language (XBRL) Conference "Worldwide Regulatory Adoption, Lessons from XBRL Implementations, and Value of Interactive Data" in June on the Bryant campus. About 40 academics, finance professionals, and software developers gained hands-on training in XBRL, the language for the electronic communication of financial data between businesses and on the Internet. Participants also interacted with XBRL leaders and experts.

"One of the difficulties we've had in capital markets is that we don't have financial statements everyone can understand," says Saeed Roohani, accounting professor and department chair at Bryant. "This is more of a problem as the world becomes interconnected and markets intertwined. The standardized reporting language makes it easier for investors and regulators to understand financial data."

Roohani initiated the conference at Bryant when XBRL was still in its infancy. Now several countries require its use, including the United Kingdom, China, and South Korea. In the United States, the Federal Deposits Insurance Corporation (FDIC) mandates that all banks provide their financial statements in XBRL, and the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) encourages XBRL reporting and will likely require it soon.

According to Roohani, Bryant's XBRL Conference is unique within the United States because it serves both academics and practitioners. Additionally, funds from the conference partially support the XBRL International Academic Competition. Each year, student teams from across the globe submit research and practical applications of XBRL to compete for a cash prize and the chance to attend an award ceremony at the XBRL International Conference.

Honors program offers students a unique experience

Each year, gifted incoming students are invited to take part in the honors program. Bryant welcomes another group of top students this fall who will begin the first of eight courses they need to graduate with an honors program distinction.

To be eligible for the program, an incoming student must have at least a 1200 SAT score and be in the top 20 percent of his or her high school graduating class, or have a high school grade point average of at least 3.6.

Kenneth Sousa, assistant professor of computer information systems and the new Honors Program coordinator, describes the program as a "personalized, unique experience" that allows students to delve deeper into subject matter, work closely with faculty, and form a close-knit network of friends.

"Instead of looking at the honors program as more work, students should see it as a different experience that can define them as a person," said Sousa.

Sousa compared the in-depth and thought-provoking business and liberal arts courses to an athlete training for a competition. While the work is challenging and involved, there is a great potential for payback in the end.

"We want the students to win," he said.

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PROFESSOR KENNETH SOUSA

In order to graduate with the Honors Program distinction, students must earn a cumulative GPA of 3.40 and an honors GPA of 3.20. They are also required to write a senior thesis.

"The program focuses not on what you have done but what you can be," said Sousa.

Becky Lafrancois '05, a graduate of the honors program, returned to Bryant this summer to speak to a group of incoming Honors Program students during their orientation. She recalled being at the same event just before she began her freshmen year in 2001. At the time, she was unsure whether she wanted to take part in the honors program.

"I worked hard in high school. I'm going to college. I want to have fun," she thought at the time.

Ultimately, she decided that it would be a good idea to challenge herself a little bit more. Challenge herself she



Becky Lafrancois '05

did. After only a year at Bryant, she had completed half of the required coursework.

"The honors classes were a good opportunity to be in smaller classes with students of your own caliber who were serious about learning," she said.

Most honors classes offer hands-on opportunities to apply theories and ideas discussed in class. Lafrancois, for example, interviewed a vice president of a major insurer to learn firsthand about supply chain management, explored the Enron scandal as it was unfolding, and even studied the mathematical structure of the galaxies in an astronomy class.

The highlight of the program came at the end of her tenure at Bryant as she worked on her senior thesis. While working on the yearlong project, Lafrancois decided that she wanted to continue her studies in the field of economics, which led her to Syracuse University where she is now studying for her Ph.D.

"I am glad that I made the decision to take honors classes as a freshman. I was able to grow both academically and personally, and I managed to have fun, too," she said.

Bryant awarded "Superior Worksite Health Award"

Bryant University has been recognized for promoting worksite wellness with a "Superior Worksite Health Award" from the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce and Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island.

The "Worksite Health Awards" honor local companies that encourage their employees to lead healthful lifestyles. The awards committee reviews applications and evaluates company-sponsored initiatives that demonstrate a commitment to employees' well-being. Categories include programs in health awareness, intervention, and occupational health and safety, as well as policies that support wellness.

Play golf for scholarship fund

The 3rd Annual President's Golf Tournament will be held on Wednesday, September 27, at the Newport Country Club. All proceeds from the event will go to the President's Scholarship Fund at Bryant University. In the last two years, this event has raised more than \$95,000 to support Bryant students.

There are many opportunities for members of the Bryant community to get involved with this tournament. Purchase pin flags for \$500 or tee signs for \$150. Enter a foursome, sponsor at various levels, or volunteer your time to help out at the Newport Country Club that day.

The fee of \$625 per player (\$2,500 per foursome) includes a premier gift, a box lunch, favors at each hole, and drinks and



hors d'oeuvres at a post-tournament reception. Prizes will be awarded for closest to pin, longest drive, and a hole-in-one. Participants will also have the opportunity to bid on many great prizes at silent and live auctions – including a day of golf at other great country clubs.

This event includes 18 holes at one of the oldest and most

prestigious courses in the country – site of the June 2006 Women's Open and the 1995 U.S. Amateur won by Tiger Woods.

For information, contact Glenn McQuade at 232-6442 or gmcquade@bryant.edu. Volunteers will receive a box lunch and reimbursement for mileage.

Faculty Honored

Members of Bryant's distinguished faculty are leaders in their fields, teachers, mentors, and friends. We are proud to recognize the winners of this year's Faculty Awards.



MENTOR OF THE YEAR

JUDITH McDONNELL

Associate Professor of Sociology



RESEARCH AND PUBLICATION

PETER NIGRO

Sarkisian Chair and Associate Professor of Finance



EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

WENDY SAMTER

Professor of Communication



OUTSTANDING SERVICE

ELIZABETH YOBACCIO

Professor of Finance

McDonnell also received the Distinguished Faculty Award from the Faculty Federation.

A paper co-written by **Professors Kathleen Simons** and **Charles Cullinan** titled "What Constitutes an Act Discreditable: An Exploratory Study" received the "Best Paper" award at the 11th Annual Ethics Research Symposium hosted by the American Accounting Association from August 5-6 in Washington, D.C.

Professor Hong Yang was a section chair and keynote speaker at the 3rd International Paleontological Conference held June 17-21, in Beijing, P.R. China. He also presented the paper "Stable isotopic signals from ancient organic molecules: Applications to paleontological research." He co-authored the article "New ancient DNA sequences suggest high genetic diversity for the woolly mammoth (*Mammuthus primigenius*)," which recently appeared in *Progress in Natural Science*, 16(4): 379-386. He also served on the grant review panel for the National Science Foundation of China.

Professor Terri Hasseler was a featured presenter at the spring meeting of the Changing Lives Through Literature (CLTL) association on June 2 in Massachusetts. CLTL is a national program that works with criminal offenders on life choices. Hasseler's presentation was on the nature of storytelling. She currently serves on the Rhode Island state advisory board for CLTL. In addition, she has published *Approaches to Teaching Emily Brontë's Wuthering Heights*. This book was co-edited with Sue Lonoff of the Derek Bok Center at Harvard University and is one in a long-standing, well-respected series on pedagogy published by the Modern Language Association.

Professor Emeritus William Sweeney has been appointed to the Rhode Island Industrial Recreational Building Authority by Rhode Island Governor Donald L. Carcieri. Sweeney will serve until 2011.

Professor Joseph Ilacqua presented the paper "Challenges of Fostering Collaborative Scholarship Between Differing Cultures" at the Academy of Business & Administrative Sciences (ABAS) International Conference in Vilnius, Lithuania, in June.

President's Cultural Series begins September 26

The President's Cultural Series kicks off the 2006-07 season on September 26 with a reprise of *Anima* and *Time for Three*. *Anima*, a classical quartet featuring violin, viola, cello, and flute, will perform at 6:30 p.m., followed by *Time for Three*, an acclaimed string ensemble that plays "Bach to Bluegrass... and everything in between."



Time for Three

Tickets to this concert are free for Bryant students, faculty, and staff at the Bryant Center Information Desk. Bryant alumni can purchase tickets in advance for \$5 (\$10 on the night of the concert). Tickets are \$10 for the general public. Call (401) 232-6377 for information or to charge tickets by phone. Remaining tickets will be sold at the door.

WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE UPCOMING CONCERTS:



- OCTOBER 26 AT 7:30 P.M.:
SOPRANO ANNETTE BETANSKI

A prominent young concert singer, recitalist, and chamber musician, Betanski has become a favorite at chamber music festivals in her native Canada, as well as the United States and Europe.

- NOVEMBER 16 AT 7 P.M.: MANGO BLUE
(in conjunction with International Education Week)

This group playfully integrates influences from rhythm & blues, jazz and funk, and Caribbean roots with a strong rhythmical foundation that draws from diverse Afro-Latin musical traditions.

- FEBRUARY 15: ELLIS HALL

A renowned singer and songwriter, Hall performs as part of Bryant's Black History Month celebration.

- APRIL 12: EUGIE CASTRILLO

This Grammy-winning Latin percussionist will help to celebrate Bryant's Alumni Achievement Awards event.

The President's Cultural Series is sponsored by *The Pawtucket Times* and *The Woonsocket Call*.

Bryant Joins World Community Grid

The new partnership allows Bryant to donate idle computer time for humanitarian research projects.

Bryant has partnered with World Community Grid™ whose mission is to create the world's largest public computing grid to address humanitarian projects. The university joins the IBM Corporation and a group of more than 200 leading companies, associations, and academic institutions who donate their idle computing capacity – an essential tool for timely and cost-effective research.

According to World Community Grid, millions of personal computers sit idly in offices and homes each day. Even when a computer is being used, it is very rarely utilizing all of its available power. World Community Grid uses grid technology to save this computer time to provide researchers with a readily available pool of computational power. If harnessed, this computing capacity can have a far-reaching impact on important research projects.

"The entire Bryant community is encouraged to join World Community Grid as part of the university's overall efforts to enrich lives in our communities," said Art Gloster, vice president for information services. "World Community Grid provides our faculty, students, and staff with an efficient and effective way to make a difference in solving worldwide problems."

To contribute unused computer power, participants download free software from www.worldcommunitygrid.org. The program is available for computers running Windows, Linux, or Mac operating systems, and is completely secure.

Since the organization was founded in November 2004,

more than 197,000 members have donated the equivalent of more than 47,000 years of unused computing time. During the first year, researchers used the extra computer capacity to study how proteins could be used to help develop cures for Lyme disease, malaria, or tuberculosis. Without the grid technology, the first stage of this project would have taken five years. Future research could focus on infectious diseases, hunger, and natural disasters.

The program, like a screensaver, runs when the computer is idle. When activated, the software requests data from World Community Grid and performs the appropriate computations. Once completed, the software sends the results back to the main server and requests another assignment.

Ranked as the lowest priority on the computer, the software will not interfere with the work of the user. The software will shut itself off when the computer is in use, or users can adjust the setting so that the program only runs when the screen saver is on. The computer does not have to be connected to the Internet to perform the task, but once it is finished, a connection must be established to transmit the data. Ultimately, the longer the computer is on, the more processing that can take place.

For more information, visit www.worldcommunitygrid.org. All technical or user support inquiries should be directed to World Community Grid Online Help at www.worldcommunitygrid.org/help/viewHelp.do.

Bryant web update

New features continue to be unveiled on www.bryant.edu. This summer, students in the Bryant-Lingnan Student Exchange Program and Deans David Lux and Jack Trifts blogged as they traveled through China. We also introduced new search capabilities powered by Google.

Enhancements this fall will include more comprehensive academic and student life information, as well as the launch of the new admission web site at admission.bryant.edu. Prospective undergraduate students will be able to personalize their Bryant admission experience with news and events tailored to their specific interests. They can also follow an electronic checklist called the "My To Do List" to complete – and track – their application online.

For more information about the Bryant web site, contact the Webmaster at www@bryant.edu. For more information about the new admission site, contact the Office of Admission at admission@bryant.edu.



The new admission web site

GOOD SPORTS

Maureen Burns '06 named NCAA Woman of the Year conference winner

The Northeast-10 Conference Senior Women Administrator (SWA) council has selected two-sport student-athlete **Maureen Burns '06**, of Derry, N.H., as the NCAA Woman of the Year conference winner. The award honors senior student-athletes for their cumulative collegiate achievements in service, leadership, athletics, and academics.

Burns, who graduated in May, is a first-team all-conference pick in the sports of field hockey and women's lacrosse and was named the Northeast-10 Women's Lacrosse Defensive Player of the Year. On the field, she was a five-time All-Conference selection, two-time regional All-America pick, and a three-time national All-America honoree. She was also recently named Bryant's Female Athlete of the Year.

The top 10 honorees from Divisions I, II, and III will be honored at a dinner in Indianapolis on October 28. The 2006 NCAA Woman of the Year national winner will also be announced.



Maureen Burns '06



Sacha Solomon '07

Sacha Solomon featured in *Sports Illustrated*

Tennis standout **Sacha Solomon '07** (Bourne, Mass.) was featured in the May 15 issue of *Sports Illustrated* in the "Faces in the Crowd" section.

Solomon is undefeated in Northeast-10 Conference play at No. 1 during her three seasons at Bryant and has led the Bulldogs to three NE-10 titles and three NCAA Championship appearances. The three-time Northeast-10 Conference Player of the Year and 2004 Northeast-10 Conference Freshman of the Year, Solomon won the Intercollegiate Tennis Association East Regional Championship in the fall of 2005.

President Machtley honored by R.I. gridiron club

President Ron Machtley was recently presented with the "Distinguished American Award" by the Rhode Island Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame. He was cited for his devoted service to the State of Rhode Island as a Representative to the United States Congress from 1989-1995.

Three inducted into inaugural Northeast-10 Conference Hall of Fame

Former Bryant men's golfer **Jim Hallet '83**, men's tennis player **Roman Pavlik '96**, and former athletic director and men's basketball coach **Leon Drury** were honored as inductees into the first-ever Northeast-10 Conference Hall of Fame. The three were among the 25 members selected as the conference celebrates its 25th anniversary as a league.

Among the distinguished guests at the induction dinner ceremony were NCAA President Dr. Myles Brand, NCAA Vice President Mike Racey, former Boston Red Sox General Manager Lou Gorman, and Channel 7 (Boston) Sportscaster Wendi Nix, who served as master of ceremonies.

Hallet is the most nationally recognized athlete in Bryant history. As a student in 1982, he became the first New England golfer in 25 years to reach the semifinals of the U.S. Amateur tournament and the first player in 40 years to win both the Massachusetts and New England Amateur tournaments in the same year. The highlight of his amateur career came a year later when he captured the Low Amateur Award at the 1983 Masters Tournament in Augusta, Ga. His opening round score of 68 set a Masters record for best opening round by an amateur.

Pavlik posted an undefeated Division II record during his four-year career at Bryant, earning four Northeast-10

Conference Player of the Year honors as well as all-America honors in 1996.

In addition to his stellar play on the court, Pavlik was also an Academic All-America selection.

Drury served as Bryant's Athletic Director from 1978 to 1992 and was the men's basketball

coach from 1978 to 1989. As A.D., he played a key role in the formation of the conference known as the Northeast-7 in 1979 and was recognized by the conference as a Founding Father. During his tenure as basketball coach, the Bulldogs posted a 20-7 record in 1980 and qualified for the NCAA tournament. The Bulldogs also earned a No. 1 ranking in New England, while Drury was named the Rhode Island Coach of the Year.



Jim Hallet '83 (left), receives his award from Northeast-10 Conference Commissioner David Brunk.

15 student-athletes named to Spring Academic Team

Bryant placed 15 student-athletes on the 2006 Northeast-10 Conference Spring Sports All-Academic Teams. To be eligible for selection to the academic teams, a student-athlete must have met and/or exceeded the following minimum requirements:

1) Participated in at least half of the team's competitions and be either a starter or significant contributor; 2) Achieved a 3.2 cumulative GPA; and 3) Completed at least one academic year.

SOFTBALL

Jennifer Bernier '08, Rehoboth, Mass.

MEN'S TENNIS

Ben Caisse '07, Griswold, Conn.

Zach Goodman '07, Amherst, Mass.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Annette Jervasi '07, Colchester, Conn.

TRACK & FIELD

Steve Barone '06 Trumbull, Conn.

Steve Carr '06, Wolcott, Conn.

Rob Schneider '07, North Cornwall, Conn.

Heather Clay '07, Hanson, Mass.

Tia Freeman '07, Windham, N.H.

Jen Goodwin '07, Yarmouthport, Mass.

Sandra Greene '07, Townsend, Mass.

Rebecca Lange '08, Whitinsville, Mass.

Amber Torrey '08, Plainfield, N.H.

MEN'S LACROSSE

Bill Palacino '07, Smithtown, N.Y.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Caitlin Hansen '08, Spring Lake, N.J.

Bryant moves up to 19th spot in U.S. News college rankings

University climbs five places since 2003.

Bryant University has been ranked number 19 in the Masters 1 College/University Category in the North in its latest appearance in the *U.S. News & World Report* publication "America's Best Colleges," which was released on August 18. Bryant ranked 20th in this selective category in 2004 and 2005, up from number 24 in 2003.

"Our ranking in this highly competitive region and category reflects broad recognition of the academic commitment and student focus at Bryant," said Ronald K. Machtley, university president. "We prepare our graduates to achieve success in life and their professions through the pursuit of knowledge and the development of character. We continue to transform the Bryant educational experience to ensure that our students have cutting-edge academic programs, the finest technology, and access to unique global opportunities."

The *U.S. News* ranking relies on quantitative measures of academic quality and a nonpartisan view of what matters in education. A few of the key criteria used to determine the rankings are peer assessment, retention and graduation rates, and faculty resources such as the number of faculty with doctoral degrees and the number of classes with less than 20 students.

Bryant is also currently listed in the *Princeton Review's* "Top 25 Most Connected Campuses" and "Top 361 Colleges in America," as well as *Barron's* "Best Buys in College Education."



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There will be plenty of food and activities for all ages. Take a walk down memory lane, or tour the campus and learn about the latest developments. The Bryant Bulldogs go head-to-head with rival Merrimack College on Saturday, September 16, at 1 p.m. Take part in the

6th Annual Shawn M. Nassaney Memorial Cross Country Race/Walk on Sunday, September 17, at 1 p.m. Visit www.bryant.edu/homecoming for a complete schedule of events.